

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and the remarks made herein. The title has been amended to correct technical and grammatical errors. The specification has been amended to include cross-reference to related applications. The subject matter of original Claims 1-16 is being prosecuted in pending U.S. Ser No. 09/937,204 and hence Claims 1-16 are cancelled herein without prejudice and reserving the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in other divisional or continuation applications. Claims 17-32 have been amended to remove dependency from cancelled claims, to conform to U.S. patent practice, and to more distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention.

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable form. Please enter this Sequence Listing into the specification of the above-captioned application.

I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the revised Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the revised Sequence Listing, submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.82(f), does not include new matter.

Applicants request an early and favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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